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MINUTES

OF THE

STATE CONVENTION

OF THE

BAPTIST DENOMINATION

IN

SOUTH-CAROLINA,

AT ITS FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY, HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF BARNWELL, DEC. 13th, AND CONTINUED TO DEC. 17th, 1834.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by brother Iveson L. Brookes, according to appointment, from Heb. x. 24, 25.

When the Delegates had assembled for business, after prayer by brother Peeples, credentials where exhibited, showing the appointment of the following persons to compose the Convention at its present meeting, viz.:

Charleston Association.—J. Hartwell, P. Windham, Jeremiah E. Dargan, John B. Miller, J. Scott,† I. Nicholes,† T. J. Gantt, W. H. Peebles, Joseph Knighten,† C. Entzminger,† S. Blanding,† D. R. Lide, J. Griffith,† T. Adams,† and B. Manly.

Edgefield Association.—W. B. Johnson, M. Mims, J. G. O. Wilkinson, J. Landrum,† John Trapp,† Joseph Morris,† W. Daniel,† J. M. Chiles, John Reedy,† J. A. Ware.† Z. Watkins, Z. Redulph, sen. N. L. Griffin,† J. T. Coleman, John Curry, L. Devoar, E. G. Talbert.

Savannah River Association.—D. Peeples, H. D. Duncan, A. J. Lawton, W. A. Lawton, W. H. Brisbane, C. B. Jones, J. T. Robert, I. L. Brookes, J. Broome,† R. Fuller, W. Fripp, E. Estes, S. R. Gillison, B. M'Bride.

Welsh Neck Association.—W. Dossey,† J. C. Furman,† R. Na-

† *Absentees.*

pier,† N. Graham,† A. Sparks,† J. A. Pouncey, I. D. Wilson, I. K. M'Iver,† D. R. W. M'Iver,† W. Timmons.†

Fellowship Benevolent Society.————————

Congaree Benevolent Society.————————

Charleston Juvenile Female Education and Missionary Society.—W. E. Bailey.

Saluda Benevolent Society.————————

Female Benevolent Society of Bethlehem, Edgefield District.——

Mount Moriah Female Missionary and Benevolent Society—Larkin Reynolds, Peter M'Kellar.

Newberry Baptist Church.—N. W. Hodges, J. B. O'Neale,† M. T. Mendenhall, John Harrington.

Female Auxiliary Education Society of Edisto, Wadmalaw, and the adjacent main-land.—Letter and contribution by B. Manly.

1. The following were elected officers, viz. :—W. B. Johnson, *President*, W. Dossey, *Vice President*, and B. Manly, *Secretary*. John B. Miller, continued *Treasurer*, without a new election.

2. Received an application for membership with this body, from the Bush River Baptist Church, Newberry District. The Church was cordially received, and brother Carey Pitts, the attending Delegate, was welcomed to a seat.

3. A letter of correspondence was received from the Georgia State Convention, by the hands of brother C. D. Mallary. Also, from the Saluda Association, a friendly letter by the hands of brother S. Gibson.

These brethren were cordially welcomed to seats.

A copy of the Minutes of the New Jersey Baptist State Convention for Missionary purposes, was also received.

4. The President announced the names of the committee to arrange the preaching during this meeting, viz. :—Peeples, O'Bannon, Brown, Mims, and Mendenhall.

After recess,

5. On motion of J. B. Miller, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the President, to draft and report Rules for the regulation of the Convention during its session. Committee to consist of J. B. Miller, A. J. Lawton, and N. W. Hodges.

6. Brother Miller also presented several resolutions relating to the appointment of standing committees of this body.—Ordered that they lie on the table for the present.

7. The President announced the following committees :

On Accounts—Z. Rudulph and A. J. Lawton.

On minutes of corresponding bodies—D. Peeples, W. A. Lawton and J. A. Pouncey.

8. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of this body be held in Charleston, on Saturday before the 2d Lord's Day in Dec. 1835.

Brother Hodges to preach the Introductory Sermon, on Saturday at 11 o'clock, A. M. Brother Duncan in case of failure.—Brother J. C. Furman to preach the Charity Sermon; in case of failure, brother Fuller.

† *Absentees.*

9. Ministering brethren present, not belonging to this body, were affectionately invited to a seat in Convention—Brother S. Furman, J. Thomas, A. W. Chambliss, Joseph Lawton, Jun. J. Sweat, R. Furman, E. Lathrop, and H. A. Duncan, accepted the invitation.

10. Brother Hodges introduced the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That a Special Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency and propriety of altering the present plan of the Furman Institution, so as to receive into it others besides Theological Students, and to connect manual labour therewith: also, whether it may not be expedient to remove the Institution from its present location, if a situation more suitable to the accomplishment of these objects could be obtained, and better calculated to promote the general interests of the Institution. The said committee to consist of five persons, and to report as early as practicable this session."

Ordered to lie on the table.

11. The Treasurer presented his report on the matters which had been committed to him.

Resolved, That so much of this report as relates to the Institution, together with the resolution last submitted, be referred to a special committee, to report as early as practicable this session.

The following are the committee—Hodges, W. A. Lawton, Miller, Mims and Manly.

12. Referred to the Committee on Accounts, that part of the Treasurer's report which relates to the case of J. H. De Votie.

13. Brother Mims submitted his report in relation to the sale of the House and Lot in Edgefield, and the collection of the balance of the former Treasurer's bond—which was referred to the commttee on accounts.

14. Appointed brother Robert to write to the Saluda Association, and brethren Chiles, Hartwell and Johnson, as Messengers.—Brother Jones to write to the Georgia Convention, and himself, brethren Chiles, Hodges, Mendenhall and W. A. Lawton, as Messengers.—Brother Fuller to write to the North Carolina State Convention, and brethren Thomas, Napier, Dossey and Pouncey, as Messengers.

[*The next meeting of the Georgia Convention, will be held at the Seat of the Mercer Institute, Green County, Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in May*, 1835. *The North Carolina Convention will be held at Eaton's Church, Rowan County, on Friday before the 1st Lord's Day, in November* 1835.]

The committee on preaching, announced the arrangement for tomorrow, and the Convention adjourned, (with prayer from brother Manly,) until Monday Morning half past 10 o'clock.

The Sabbath was employed in devotion, brother Johnson preached in the morning, from 1 Cor. ix. 24.

Brother Fuller followed with the Charity Sermon from Luke xv. 7. After which, a public collection was taken for the objects of the Convention, amounting to $185 69.

After an interval, brother Manly preached from 2 Cor. iv. 3, in.

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troductory to the Lord's Supper, which was administered by brethren Johnson and Gibson.

The services were concluded with a sermon in the evening, by brother Jones, from Luke xix. 41, 42.

Monday Morning.

Met according to adjournment, brother Rice prayed.

15. Brother Josiah B. Furman, and Richard L. Whitaker, appeared as Delegates from the Longtown Female Society, stating that through some inadvertency, the letter and certificate of their appointment had been mislaid. They had brought their constitution however.—On motion resolved, that these brethren be received as delegates, and the Society recognized as a constituent member of this body.

16. It being stated by members of this body, who had been present at the late meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, that brethren Biddle, Meredith, Armstrong, Hooper, and Rice, had been appointed Messengers to this body, and that brother Rice, the only attending Delegate, is not furnished with a letter, it was resolved, that brother Rice be received as the Messenger of the North-Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Brother Rice was welcomed to a seat.

17. Brother Miller from the committee appointed to draft Rules for the regulation of the meeting of Convention during this session, reported a system, which was considered article by article, and adopted.—[*See conclusion of these Minutes.*]

18. Professor Furman offered the resignation of his office in the Furman Theological Institution.—The consideration of this was postponed for the present.

19. Referred to the Committee on Accounts together with the Treasurer, and W. E. Bailey, the duty of furnishing answers to the following questions,—to report to-morrow.

Viz.—What is the amount of all the Stocks and other permanent funds as valued at the present market price?

What is the amount of the annual income on said funds actually received the present year?

What are the amounts now available for the current expenditures of the Convention?

What are the debts now due, and to be paid by the Convention.

20. The Committee on Minutes of Corresponding bodies, reported that nothing in those minutes seem to call for the action of this body. On the suggestion of this committee, respecting some favourable notice of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, it was committed to brethren Fuller and W. A. Lawton, to prepare and present some article on the subject for consideration, to-morrow.

After prayer from brother Fuller, the Convention adjourned to to-morrow morning, half past 9 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning.

Brother W. A. Lawton prayed.

21. After reading the Minutes, the Secretary introduced to the notice of the Convention, the agent of the publisher of the 'Comprehensive Commentary.' The agent stated that his object, in part, of visiting

the South, is to promote the circulation of that Commentary; of which a Baptist Edition also, is in a course of publication.

Resolved, That it be committed to brethren Mallary and Brookes, to examine this Commentary, and report before the close of this session.

22. The Board of Agents reported by reading their whole minutes. —Ordered that they be printed with the Minutes of Convention,—and the Constitution as revised and now presented by them, lie on the table for the present.

23. The Committee appointed in the 19th article reported a statement of stocks and funds which can in any way be available to the Convention.

24. On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now go into committee of the whole on the state of the Furman Theological Institution.

This was accordingly done—Brother Peeples in the chair.

25. After the rise of the committee of the whole, who reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, the amount of the public collection on Sunday, was ordered to be divided equally between the Education and Foreign Missionary Funds.

And the Convention again went into committee of the whole, on the state of the Institution.

26. The committee of the whole on the state of the Institution reported, "That as they conceived the Institution to be affected by the constitution, which had been under revision by the Board, they have taken that under consideration, among the matters committed to them, and on the whole subject they have had before them, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Constitution now presented, be printed with the Minutes, and referred for final adoption at the next meeting.

Resolved, That the Convention are willing to introduce a system of manual labour into the Furman Theological Institution, provided the means are furnished.

Resolved, Therefore, that the Board of Agents be instructed to obtain as far as practicable, the results of experience in reference to such Institutions, and the best management of them, and also, to ascertain by inquiring through the State, whether the means to establish such an Institution at a suitable site, and on a proper basis, will be furnished :—regarding the present site of the Institution, as one of the locations whence offers in money, land, or buildings are desirable :— and that they report at the next meeting of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Convention are willing to superintend a Classical School, for the reception of Students in general, on the manual labour system, provided the means be supplied : and that the Board be instructed to enquire and report whether a common site for both Theological and Classical departments will best accomplish the ends of the Convention.

Resolved, That as in any event, a sufficient permanent fund for the support of Theological instruction is indispensable, the Convention do proceed at once, to the appointment of a competent agent for the purpose especially of securing such a fund, with the least possible delay,

as well as to be the organ of the Board in relation to the matters committed to them.

Resolved, That the Institution be continued on its present location and basis for the present, and that suitable arrangements be made by the Board with the Professors to compensate them for the use of the Institution Building heretofore, and to secure the use of that and of what other accommodations may be necessary until the next meeting of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to institute some immediate method of collecting the balances due on the subscriptions of the Scholarships, and that the salaries of the Professors be speedily paid out of the avails of those subscriptions."

This report being under consideration, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That it be received and concurred in.—And in accordance with one of the resolutions, the Convention proceeded at once to the choice of an *Agent*, which resulted in the unanimous election of brother N. W. Hodges, with the understanding that his compensation for the year be $1000.

27. The committee appointed to examine the Comprehensive Commentary, and present their views to the Convention, reported, "that from the cursory inspection they have given to the volume which has been published, and from the high recommendations of many eminent divines, who have more thoroughly examined the publication, they are induced to believe, that should the remaining volumes correspond with the one published in matter and style of execution, the work will be valuable and entitled to general patronage. For the information of those who may not be particularly acquainted with the character and plan of the work, they would state that Henry's Commentary condensed, forms the basis. To this are added, Scott's valuable practical observations, and marginal references, together with a copious selection of critical remarks and illustrations from many of the most eminent commentators and Biblical critics, such as Doddridge, Gill, Scott, Clark, Campbell, &c.

On the whole, we are of opinion, that for common use and circulation, the work under consideration, promises to embrace more excellences than perhaps any other in our language. Its great cheapness also strengthens its claims to the patronage of the public.

An edition of this work suited to the peculiar views of the Baptist denomination, is in a course of publication, under the editorial care of the Rev. Joseph A. Warne, whose character as a Scholar and Divine, as is well known, stands deservedly high. It is this edition of the work which we here particularly recommend. It might be proper further to state, that for every copy of this edition sold, one dollar is to be given to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, to aid that most respectable and useful body in its operations."

Resolved, That this report be accepted, and that this Convention concur in the recommendation it proposes.

28. Brother Miller asked leave to withdraw his resolutions respecting the appointment of Standing Committees, which had been laid on the table. Leave was granted.

29. Brother Robert presented and read the letter prepared by him

to the Saluda Association.—Brother Jones, that to the Baptist Convention of Georgia; and brother Fuller, that to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. These letters were accepted and signed.

30. The subject of the resignation of both Professors in the Institution, was brought up. Whereupon *Resolved*, That the resignations be accepted, and that the thanks of the Convention be tendered to them for their past services.

31. Brother Fuller, from the committee on the subject of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, presented the following report.

"Your committee cannot but invite the attention and regard of the churches composing the Convention, to this important Institution. They would respectfully urge upon the Ministers of the Gospel, whether the high and sacred objects of the Society, do not deserve to be presented more distinctly than they have been to the minds and hearts of their respective congregations.—These objects, viewed in themselves, and apart from any circumstances, are grand, and seem to your committee to merit the co-operation of every christian. But when we consider the large portions of our country which are destitute of churches, the number of churches which are destitute of ministers, the few ministers who can devote their time wholly to the work of the ministry; above all, when we reflect upon the multiplied errors and heresies which are spreading with baleful influence throughout the United States, your committee submit that this Institution has claims upon our sympathies not to be disputed nor evaded. Will it be said that the efforts of this Society may interfere with the internal efforts and arrangements of the State? But any such design is expressly disclaimed in the report now before your body, a glance at which will satisfy all, that to aid, to strengthen, to stimulate, and not to embarrass any of our own plans, must be the effect of the exertions of this institution. Is it objected that all our funds are required for our local purposes? Your committee humbly conceive, in the first place, that there is no collision between these objects; and, in the second place, that we are not at liberty to leave the one duty undone, because we ought to do the other; and in the third place, that the Home Mission Society only asks what we can contribute consistently with our peculiar and acknowledged obligation elsewhere; and fourthly, your committee are confident, it is not so much for want of means as of willing hearts, among those who should be God's almoners, that funds are not forthcoming for all those plans which righteously demand our support:—and finally, your committee believe it so to be, that the expansion of liberal feelings, always expands the soul. It is not the giving to the Lord that will impoverish, nor is it the withholding from Him, that will enrich us as a denomination.

The benevolence which enlarges itself to distant objects, is generally most active within its own immediate sphere; it is by confining, that you cramp, weaken, and destroy its energy. That charity never truly *begins* at home which ends there. Your committee cannot but look upon it, as a coincidence ordered by God, that, *at the very moment when*, in Europe, schemes were being devised, to disseminate more widely among us, the dangerous and insidious heresies of popery, this society was organized; and that its efforts have been directed

chiefly towards that portion of our beloved country, which Rome was contemplating as the scene of her unholy triumphs. In conclusion, your committee seriously and solemnly recommend to the notice of your body, and to the regards and patronage of the churches composing this Convention, the Society above named, as worthy of your sympathies, your prayers, and the speediest co-operation which your circumstances shall allow."

This report was accepted, and ordered to be printed with our minutes.

32. Appointed our brethren W. B. Johnson, S. Furman, J. C. Furman. and E. Estes, as the delegates of this body to the General Missionary Convention, at its next triennial session, to be held in Richmond, Virginia, in April, 1835.

33. Requested brother Mims to continue his agency in collecting the balances due for the house and lot in Edgefield, and on a former Treasurer's bond:—And authorise the President to make good and sufficient titles to the purchaser.

34. *Resolved*, That this body regard the design of brother W. H. Brisbane, to publish in Charleston, a religious periodical, called the Southern Baptist, with approbation, and recommend the paper to the patronage of the churches, and our friends in general throughout the State.

35. Brother Brisbane offered the following resolution,—'That the amount now in the hands of the Treasurer, for the purchase of the building erected for the use of the Students, together with the avails of the house in Edgefield, and so much of the Gillison Fund as is necessary, shall be appropriated to the purchase of the said building, and the houses and lands adjacent, owned by the Professors, at the original cost, provided this does not exceed a fair valuation, and that the moneys thus deducted from the Gillison Fund, shall be restored so soon as the Convention shall have it in their power to do so.'

The ayes and noes being colled for, on this resolution, it was negatived by the following vote,—Ayes,—Dargan, Peebles, Johnson, Duncan, Brisbane, Robert, Jones. Fuller, Fripp, Gillison, M'Bride, Pouncey, Furman, Whitaker.—14.

Noes,—Manly, Miller, Gantt, Lide, Mims, Wilkinson, Chiles, Watkins, Rudulph, Curry, Devoar, Talbert, Peeples, W. A. Lawton, A. J. Lawton, Brookes, Estes, Bailey, Reynolds, M'Kellar, Hodges, Mendenhall, Harrington, Pitts,—24.

36. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to close the purchase of the building for the use of the Students of the Furman Theological Institution, at once, at its fair valuation, provided this does not exceed original cost and a lawful title can be executed to the Convention.

37. The following brethren were elected, to compose with the officers, the Board of Agents for the ensuing year: viz.—W. H. Brisbane, A. J. Lawton, N. W. Hodges, Z. Rudulph, Sen. J. A. Pouncey and J. B. Furman.

38. The Committee on Accounts reported as follows:—

"The Committee of Accounts to whom the Treasurer's report, was referred, report, That they have had the same under

consideration, and recommend that this body do indulge Mr. De Votie on the judgment they have against him. They have also considered the Treasurer's report relative to allowing the Rev. J. Hartwell rent for the building used by the Furman Theological Institution; and agree with the Treasurer that rent should be paid for the same, and concur with him in the amount; and recommend that he be paid by the Treasurer out of the Education Fund, at the rate of $200 per annum for the 21 months the Convention have had the use of the building.

In relation to the accounts of the Treasurer, your committee have examined them, and find them well vouched; the Certificates of Bank Stocks and Receipts have been delivered to the Secretary agreeable to a resolution of this body.

In relation to the form of the accounts of the Treasurer, your committee, as far as they are enabled to judge, are of opinion they are well classed, sufficiently explained, and kept in the manner desired.

Your committee recommend that all money which it is designed should accumulate, be vested in Bank or Insurance Stock, as the Treasurer may deem most beneficial.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. RUDULPH, *Chairman.*

Barnwell, 16th Dec. 1834."

Resolved, That this report be accepted and concurred in, and printed with the Minutes.

39. Voted unanimously, that the thanks of the Convention are due to the friendly, hospitable inhabitants of this Village and its vicinity, for their kind and liberal attention to its members and friends during the meeting.

40. Committed the printing and distribution of 1500 copies of these Minutes to the Secretary.

And the Convention adjourned with prayer from brother Estes.

MINUTES

OF THE

Board of Agents.

NEWBERRY, DEC. 10, 1833.

The Board met.—Present the President, Treasurer, and brethren O'Neale, Chiles, Brisbane, Estes and Hodges.

1. *Resolved,* That brother John M. Barnes, be employed as our Agent the ensuing year; that his compensation be $600;—and that the President furnish him with credentials and instructions.

Dec. 11th,—Present as before.

2. The proposed amendments to the constitution, committed to the Board, were considered, in connection with the rules which

might be necessary for the better government of the Institution. After a free interchange of views, the Board came to a general understanding on this subject;—and committed to brethren Johnson, O'Neale and Manly, the duty of preparing in form, what has now in substance been agreed on, to be presented to the Board for consideration, at their semi-annual meeting.

3. The following brethren were appointed the Executive Committee, to be associated with the Professors, in the government of the Institution,—viz: John B. Miller, Wood Furman and W. G. Barrett.

4. *Resolved*, That 500 copies of the Rules of the Institution, as revised by the Board, together with a catalogue of the Students, and view of the course of studies, be printed for the use of the Professors and Students. This matter was committed to the President, with authority to draw on the Treasurer for the necessary sum.

5. Appointed the Rev. P. P. Bowen, our agent for the State of Alabama; and requested the President to advance the interests of the Institution, as far as might be in his power, during his contemplated visit to the North.

6. *Resolved*, That the President be authorised to appoint any local agents he may think proper for the collection of funds.

Adjourned to meet at the Institution, on the Friday before the fourth Lord's Day, in April 1834.

Furman Theological Institution, April 25, 1834.

The Board met.—Present the President, Treasurer and Secretary, and brethren Hodges, Brisbane, J. C. Furman and Chiles of the Board, and W. Furman and W. G. Barrett, of the Executive Committee.

1. The President presented and read a revised draft of the Constitution of the Convention, which was considered in detail,—some alterations and amendments agreed on, and the whole referred for final adoption when the Board shall meet again.

2. The Constitution and By-laws of the Institution, prepared by the President, were also presented and considered in detail.—On motion, *Resolved*, That these papers lie on the table.

3. The Executive Committee presented a written report.

They had regularly received the following brethren, viz. :—Malachi N. Strickling from the church in Columbia; Mark M. Abney from the Pine Pleasant Church, Edgefield; George Bell, Rocky Creek Church, Edgefield; Frederick M. Hawkins, of Bethael Church, Newberry; William Nolen of the Church in Greenville.—The reception of these brethren as Beneficiaries of the Convention, was confirmed by the Board.

4. Ordered that the Executive Committee be authorised to procure a book, and requested to keep a record of their proceedings, to be presented at the meetings of the Board.

5. There appearing some difficulty in executing the contemplated purchase of the building, erected for the use of the Students, the Treasurer was requested to consult with the Hon. John B. O'Neale, as to what may be safe and proper to be done.

6. Voted to pay an account of brother Hartwell, of $9 56, on ac-

count of Books furnished in 1831.—Voted also to pay expences of brethren Strickling and Nolen, incurred at the Institution, previous to their reception as Beneficiaries, on such principles, however, as to include the expences thus assumed within the obligations of their bonds.

7. *Resolved*, That until a permanent system of by-laws for the government of the Institution be agreed on, a few provisional rules be now drawn up by the Professors and Secretary, and presented by the President to the Students, accompanied by a fatherly address.

The Board took a recess until these provisional rules could be prepared, and on re-assembling, adopted several, which were appointed to be delivered to the Students.

8. Appointed the following brethren a committee, to proceed to the examination of the Students on Monday, viz. :—Brethren Hodges, Brisbane, Miller and Manly, with the members of the Executive Committee.

The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Barnwell, Dec. 13, 1834.

The Board met.—Present the President, Treasurer and Secretary, and brethren Hodges, Chiles, Brisbane and Estes.

1. After reading the minutes of previous meetings, the President stated that John M. Barnes, appointed Agent of the Convention, at the first meeting of the Board at Newberry, had resigned his situation without completing the year's service.

Ordered that his salary for nine months, the time actually employed, be paid out of the Agency and Education Funds.

2. The President stated that during a hasty tour which he had taken at the North, he had occasionally presented the claims of our Institution—and had obtained some contributions ; the amount of which, ($198 50) had been paid to the Treasurer. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Board are due for this service.

3. The Constitutional Rules for the Convention, as revised, were taken up for final consideration.

Resolved, That the draft now before us, be presented to the Convention, and recommended for their adoption.

4. The Chairman of the Executive Committee, brother Miller, reported, that they had received one beneficiary since the last meeting, and that he had subsequently withdrawn.

5. The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board, to attend the examination of the Students, reported favourably of their attainments and progress.

6. The President stated that he had received a letter from Professor Hartwell, under date of July 13th, communicating his intention to resign his office in the Institution at the expiration of six months.

Ordered that this fact be communicated to the Convention.

7. *Resolved*, That we report to the Convention by reading our whole minutes.

And adjourned *sine die*.

ACCOUNT OF JOHN B. MILLER,

TREASURER OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FROM DEC. 1833, TO DEC. 1834.

1834	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		
	By amount of cash in hand, per last report,		$22 00
1833.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.		
	By amount in hand as per last report,		234 08
	By half a collection on Lord's Day, at Newberry, not included in the above,		00 47
	By cash of M. W. Caldwell,		2 00
			266 55
1834	By cash from a friend to the Burman Mission, at Sardis Church, Edgefield, per Rev. Mr. Hartwell,		1 00
Dec.	By cash per L. N. Griffin. per Wm. B. Johnson, of the Edgefield Association,		230 64
	By cash of Dr. J. O. Balfour, per J. B. Furman,		5 00
	By cash of J. B. Furman, of Mr. Wade, from a lady, some trinkets,		1 00
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	By cash of the Reedy River Association, by the Head of Enoree Church, per N. W. Hodges,		14 00
	By cash of same Association, per N. W. Hodges,		21 50
	By cash of F. Spearman, per N. W. Hodges,		1 00
	By N. W. Hodges, from T. Pope, $10, John Ramsay, $1, unknown, $1 50,		12 50
	By do. for Foreign Missions,		42 50
			595 69
1833			
Dec. 18	To cash paid H. Lincoln, Treasurer of General Convention of the Baptists of the United States,		265 00
	By balance in hand,		351 69
	By amount brought down,	595 69	
	" cash of C. Pitts, from Bush River Church, Newberry District,	21 00	616 69
		616 69	
1834	AGENCY FUND.		
	By amount as stated in report last year,		27 70
Sept.	To cash paid J. M. Barnes, on account, his salary as Agent,		27 70
1834	FUND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.		
	By amount as reported last year,		10 10
Dec.	" cash of Colonel Lawton, for Savannah R. A.		3 00
			13 10
1834	LIBRARY FUND.		
April	By cash of M. Mims, per Rev. Mr. Johnson, for rent of House in Edgefield,		100 00
1834 April	To cash paid Rev. J. Hartwell for books,		9 56
			90 44

Account of the Funds of the Juvenile Female Education and Missionary Society of Charleston, to found a Scholarship, Interest to be used.

1825	By cash, as per Minutes page 9, of 1825,	$40 00

1828	By cash as per Minutes, page 12, of 1828,		$80 00
1829	" interest received do. page 14, of 1829,	$5 60	
	" cash do. 14, "		40 00
1830	" do. 8, 1830,		70 00
1831	" Div's. on 1 U. Sts. Bank Share, p. 14, 1831	3 50	
	" cash do. 20, "		70 00
1833	" Dividends of U. Sts. Bank Stock, and 1 Union Bank Share, p. 17, 1833,	5 00	
	" do. " "	6 50	
	" do. " "	6 50	
Dec.	" cash received p. 15 "		100 00
	" Div's on Bank Stock, and on one Union Bank Share, and 2 Commercial Bank Shares, p. 15	8 00	
1834	" cash received,		100 00
			$500 00
Jan.	By Divid'ds on 1 U. S. 3 50, 2 Union, 3 00, 2 Com'ial, 1 75, and 3 Plant's and Mechan's' 2 62	10 87	
Ju.&Au.	By Dividends received on Bank Stock,	20 38	
	Principal		$500 00
	Interest received,		66 35
			$566 35
Dec.14	By cash of W. E. Bailey, from the above Society,		150 00
			$716 35

1831		
April	To paid for one United States Bank Share, No. 3164, $100 per Share, cost	$129 00
Nov.	To one Union $50, No. 4380,	68 00
1833		
Feb.	To one do. do. No. 4474	69 00
	To two Commercial, $25, No.	54 50
	To three Planters and Mechanics' $25, No. 7561,	112 50
June	To one United States, No. 4160,	106 00
		$539 00
	By balance in hands,	177 35
		$716 35

N. B. The sum of $50, of C. Entzminger, and $10, of B. Manly, received on a bond, were credited in previous accounts, under this head by mistake, instead of Permanent Fund, to which head they are now carried a credit of $40, was made to the Education Fund, by mistake, and should have been under this head, and is now credited in the above account.

1833 FUND TO PURCHASE BUILDINGS FOR INSTITUTION.

Dec.	By cash of M. Mims,	$100 00
	" N. L. Griffin, $20, D. Nance, $20,	40 00
	" Ivison L. Brookes, $20, M. T. Mendenhall, $20,	40 00
	" Y. J. Harrington, $40, R. R. Nance, $20,	60 00
	" George Pope, $20, S. C. Harrington, $20,	40 00
	" John M. Chiles, $20, Mary E. Miller, $20,	40 00
	" Joseph T. Robert, $20, Thomas Pratt, $20,	40 00
	" John S. Carmicle, $20, John B. O'Neale, $40,	60 00
	" Elliott Cotes, $20, J. O'Bannon, $20,	40 00
	" John B. Miller, $20, Thomas Lake, $20,	40 00

1834			
Jan.	By cash of W. B. Johnson, per letter, to pay for his note $20, and for four other persons, at $20,		$100 00
May	" of Rev. Richard Fuller, per Rev. B. Manly,		100 00
			700 00
Dec.	" of W. H. Brisbane, note and interest,		214 00
			$914 00

List of notes taken on subscription, to purchase buildings for Institution, and marked as sums paid—The sums being only settled by note.

H. D. Duncan's,	$20 00
Josiah B. Furman's,	20 00
D. R. W. M'Iver, and I. D. Wilson,	100 00
Robert Nappier's,	20 00
Isaac Nicholes',	20 00
John A. Pouncey's,	20 00
Z. Watkins',	20 00
	$220 00

Amount of notes on the above mentioned subscription, of $20 a share.

Gillison Fund,—Interest to be used for the Education of Beneficiaries.

1833				
Dec.	By balance per report last year.—Gillison Fund,			$28 50
	" balance do Permanent Fund,			65 00
1834	By Dividend on U. Stock	$119 00		
	" do. Union,	9 00		
	" do. Planters and Mechanics',	7 00		
	" do. Commercial,	21 87	—156 87	
May	By cash of J. F. Marshall, on subscription by Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Administrator B. F. Taylor,			100 00
July	By cash of M. Mims, per W. B. Johnson, on account debt due by Colonel A. Blocker,			350 00
	By Dividend on Bank Stock,			144 75
	" " Commercial,			21 88
				867 00
Sept.	By cash of J. M. Barnes, collected by him as Agent,			$450 00
Dec.	By cash of J. M. Chiles, to wit, of Beulah Ch'ch, $47 75 Bethany Church, $39, Gilgal Church, $24, Damascus, $20,			130 75
	By cash of M. Mims, on account balance due by A. Blocker, former Treasurer,			205 00
				1652 75
Dec.	By cash of W. B. Johnson, collected in his tour to the North,			198 50
	By do. of same			1 00
	By do. of Mr. Reynolds, collected on subscription, taken up by J. M. Barnes, at Walnut Grove Church,			55 50
				$1907 75

Amount brought over,		$1907 75
By cash of B. Manly, on a Bond for $500 on account,		40 00
		1947 75
By cash of Z. Rudulph, on his subscription, on Mr. Barnes' agency		15 00
By do of do. John Rudulph's subscription, on Mr. Barnes' agency,		10 00
By do. of do. Red Bank Church,		2 00
		1974 75
1833		
Dec. To paid for 15 Commercial Bank Shares, at $32 00, original $25, No. 119		480 00
1834		
June To paid for 2 Planters and Mechanics do.		72 00
		552 00
Dec. To do. 10 do. at 35 50		355 00
		907 00
By balance in hand,		1040 75
		1947 75

Salaries Fund,—Interest only to be used for Salaries.

1833			
Dec.	By balance in hand per last report		$324 25
1834			
Jan.	By interest on State 5 per cent Stock, on $286 62, cost $306 68	3 58	
	By Dividend on United States Stock,	3 50	
	By do. Union do.	1 50	
	By do. Commercial do.	4 37	
	By do. Planters and Mechanics' do.	7 88—20 83	
	By amount of C. Entzminger's contribution of $50, and $10 of B. Manly, on Bond, credited in account heretofore to Charleston Fem. Juv Miss'y and Educ'n Society,		60 00
May	By amount of B. Manly, collected by J. M. Barnes,		200 00
July	By cash of J. M. Barnes, agent, per W. B. Johnson,		150 00
	By Dividends received on Bank Stock,		42 28
Aug.	By " Commercial, "		4 37
Oct.	By cash of J. M. Barnes, agent, 5 dols. and an order of 60 dols.		65 00
			866 73
1834	By cash of B. Manly, to wit, W. Fripp, 60 dols. C. Entzminger, 50,		110 00
			976 73
	By cash of the General Committee of Charleston Association, per B. Manly,		150 00
			1126 73

1834	SALARY FUND.	
June	To paid for five United States Bank Stock, a $106,	530 00
	To " two Planters and Mechanics'	72 00
		602 00
Dec.	To paid for nine Planters and Mechanics', at 35 50	319 50
		921 50
	By balance in hand.	205 23
		1126 73

1834	INTEREST ON DIVIDENDS OF STOCK.		
Jan.	By Dividends of Stock in hand, Gillison Fund, &c.		$156 87
Jul&Au.	By " "		166 63
Jan.	By " Salaries, fund for		20 83
Jul.&Au.	By " "		46 65
			390 98
July,	By " on Commercial Bank Stock,		21 87

Bank Stock, &c. belonging to Convention, with the cost and original price on Shares.

1829				
Dec.	18	U. States Bank Shares,	No. 2573, a 126¼—$100,	1800 00
1831				
Nov.	5	Union Bank,	No. 4379, a 68——50,	250 00
1833				
Feb.	16	United States,	No. 3431, a 126¼——100,	1600 00
	1	Union	No. 4475, a 69——50,	50 00
July	10	Commercial,	" 27¼——25,	250 00
Dec.	15	"	No. 119, a 32——25,	875 00
Oct.	8	Planters & Mechanics',	No. 7542, a 37 50—25,	200 00
1834				
June	2	" "	No. 767, a 36——25,	50 00
				4575 00

GILLISON OR PERMANENT FUND, THE ABOVE.

Dec.	10	Planters & Mechanics'	No. 7890 a 35 50 25,	250 00
				4825 00

SALARIES.

1831				
Apl.	1	United States Bank Share,	No. 3163, a 129 100	100 00
		State 5 per cent Stock,	306 68 286 62	286 62
	1	Union Bank,	No. 4473, a 69 50	50 00
1833				
July	5	Commercial,	" a 27 25 25	125 00
Oct.	9	Planters and Mechanics,'	7542, a 37 50 25	225 00
1834				
June	2	" "	7767, a 36 25	50 00
	5	United States Shares,	4160, a 106 100	500 00
				1336 62
Dec.	9	Planters and Mechanics's	No. 7890, a 35 50, 25	225 00
				$1561 62

Charleston Female Juvenile Missionary and Education Society.

1831				
April	1	United States Bank Share,	No. 3164, a 129 100	100 00
Nov.	1	Union "	4380, a 68 50	50 00
1833				
Feb.	1	" "	4474, a 69 50	50 00
	2	Commercial,	a 27¼ 25	50 00
	3	Planters & Mechanics',	No. 7561, a 37 50 25	75 00
1834				
	1	United States	No. 4160, a 106, 100	100 00
				425 00

FURTHER FUNDS.

The amount balance of sale of a House and Lot in the Village of Edgefield.

A balance due on a former Treasurer's Bond,

A Bond of $500, at 6 per cent (with sundry credits, leaving a balance due Oct. 13, of $450,) in the hands of B. Manly, by request of obliger; see last year's account.

A number of out standing uncollected subscriptions, belonging to the Convention, all of which will not be due until 1835, and are not noticed in the preceding summary.

1833	EDUCATION FUND.		
Dec.	By balance in hands of Treasurer,		$1439 86
	By balance under head of Furman Academy		26 84
	By " to aid young men	82 59	
	From this sum is to be deducted the sum of $40, contributed by the Charleston Female Juvenile Missionary and Education Society and credited in account of their funds in this account, which was accounted for under head to aid young men. See minutes 1825, page 9, 1826, page 10, and since.	40 00	
			42 59
	By half of a small collection, on Lord's Day, at Newberry, in addition,		47
	By cash of N. M. Caldwell,		2 00
Apl.	By cash of N. W. Hodges, to aid pious young men, of S. C. Harrington, 3 dols. R. R. Nance, 5 dols. C. C. Gray, 2, dols.		10 00
	By W. H Brisbane, on subscription taken by Mr. Gibson, of Dr. Screven,		20 00
1834	By cash of W. H. Brisbane, from Savannah River Asso'n,		38 79
			1580 55
Dec.	By cash of Col. Lawton, from Savannah River Association,		44 00
	By cash of B. Manly, from Fem. Education Society of Edisto, Wadmalaw and the adjacent main land,		70 00
	By cash of N. L. Griffin, per W. B. Johnson, of the Edgefield Association		92 32
			1786 87
	By cash of N. W. Hodges.		12 00
			1798 87

1833	EDUCATION FUND.		
Dec.	To paid discount on 450 dols. Georgia Bills to Snowden & Co.		9 00
1834 Feb.	To paid W. Riley for printing minutes,		97 62
March	To paid James Wood, for a Seal ordered by Convention, Dec. 1834.		25 50
			132 12
	To paid Wm. Riley, for a blank book,		88
Dec.	To paid for Beneficiaries, to wit,		
	Frederick M. Hawkins,	115 00	
	Wm. Nolen,	125 00	
	M. N. Strickling,	171 50	
	Edward Lathrop,	100 00	
	James T. Sweat,	75 00	
	George Bell,	100 00	
	George Kempton,	136 00	
	Wm. J. Harley,	75 00	
	Mark M. Abney,	50 00	
	W. J. R. Crossland,	25 00	
			972 50
			1105 50
Sept.	To cash paid J. M. Barnes, on account his salary		422 30
			1527 80
	By cash in hands,		271 07
			1798 87

BENEFICIARIES.

1834	F. M. HAWKINS.	
Jan. 25	To cash paid him,	20 00
May	To cash paid Jos. Denson, for him,	25 00

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June	To paid him.	20 00
July	To paid Jos. Denson, for him,	25 00
Nov.	To " do. "	25 00
		115 00

1834 WILLIAM NOLEN.

Feb.	To cash paid him,	25 00
Apl.	To paid J. Hartwell, for him,	25 00
June	To cash paid him,	25 00
July	To paid J. Hartwell for him,	25 00
Oct.	To " do. "	25 00
		125 00

1834 M. N. STRICKLING,

Feb.	To paid him for clothing,	25 50
Apl.	To paid J. Hartwell for him,	41 50
May	To paid Jos. Denson for him,	25 00
Apl.	To paid P. P. Bowen for him,	25 00
June	To paid him for clothing,	5 00
Aug.	To paid Jos. Denson for him,	25 00
Nov.	To " "	25 00
		171 50

1834 G. BELL.

May	To paid Jos. Denson for him,	25 00
June	To paid him for clothing,	25 00
Aug.	To paid Jos. Denson for him,	25 00
Nov.	To " " "	25 00
		100 00

1834 EDWARD LATHROP.

Apl.	To paid J. Hartwell for him,	50 00
July	To " do. "	25 00
Oct.	To " do. "	25 00
		100 00

1834 JAMES T. SWEAT.

May	To paid S. Furman for him	25 00
June	To do.	25 00
Nov.	To do.	25 00
		75 00

1834 GEORGE KEMPTON.

Jan.	To paid him for clothing,	41 00
May	To paid S. Furman for him,	25 00
June	To do	25 00
Nov.	To do	25 00
		116 00
	To cash paid him for clothing,	20 00
		136 00

1834 WILLIAM J. HARLEY.

Mar.	To paid S. Furman for him,	25 00
June	To do	25 00
Nov.	To do	25 00
		75 00

1834 MARK M. ABNEY.

Oct.	To paid Jos. Denson for him,	50 00

1834 W. J. R. CROSSLAND.

Oct.	To paid Jos. Denson, for him,	25 00

PROFESSORS.

JESSE HARTWELL.

	Balance of salary for 1833, as per Treasurer's account last year,		486 15
1834			
March	To cash paid him,	85 22	
April	To do	163 00	
June	To do	51 25	
Sept.	To do	10 00	
Nov.	To do	224 00	
			533 47
	On account salary of 1834,		47 32
	By salary of 1834,		1000 00
			952 68
	To paid him 17th Nov.		75 00
			877 68
Dec	To paid him		200 00
			677 68
	To paid him 16th Dec.		61 00
			616 68

SAMUEL FURMAN.

	By balance of salary for 1834, as per Treasurer's last year's account,		359 70
1834			
May	To paid him		266 59
	Balance,		93 11
Nov 18	To paid him		252 00
			158 89
	By balance of 1834,		1000 00
	Balance.		841 11

1834 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SALARIES OF PROFESSORS.

	By cash of F. Brown,		2 00
March	By " of W. B. Johnson,		50 00
	By " of Jonathan Wilder,		2 00
April	By " of Piedmont Church, per W. G. Barrett,		18 50
	By " of Dr. S. Blanding,		30 00
			102 50
	By cash of W. H. Brisbane, as follows,—Col. A. J. Lawton, $10, Mrs. J. Lawton, 5, J. Johnson, 2, R. G. Norton 30, E. Graham, 45, I. A. E. Chovin 30, W. H. Brisbane 30, Ann Brisbane, 3.		155 00
	Of do. to correct errors in minutes last page last year p. 16.		10 00
	By cash of N. W. Hodges, as follows, to wit,—Dr. Mendenhall, $5, J. S. Carwile, 5, Y. J. Harrington, 5, D. Nance, 5, Thomas Pratt, 5,		25 00
	By cash of do. of Female Benevolent Society, Mount Moriah Church		17 31
	By cash of do. of Mount Moriah Church,		42 00
			351 81
	By cash of J. Hartwell, as follows, to wit—of D. M'Nab, $2, R. P. Lide, 2, D. R. Lide, 3, John Du Bose, 6, D. Palmer, 4, L. Palmer, 6, J. Richardson, 15, Mrs. M. M. White, 3, Mrs R. Brogden, 4, S. Timmons, 10, Mrs. A. Bostick, 3. E. J. Lide, 10, E. W. Charles, 10, J. B. Wilkins, 5, J. Du Bose, 10, M. Sanders, 10,		103 00

	Of do. of James G. Spann, 30, W. J. Rees, 30,		60 00
May	By cash of B Manly, as follows, self,		30 00
	Mrs. P. Poyas, 5, Mrs. E. Cheny, late of Wassamsaw, 16 25,		21 25
Sept	By cash of W. B. Johnson, per J. Hartwell,		10 00
			576 06
Nov.	By cash of J. Hartwell, as follows,—of J. Peeples, $4, a lady at Society Hill, 45, Miss S. E. Orr, 5, Wood Furman, 9, Mrs. L. M. Furman, 6, Is. Lenoir, 10, Mrs. E. S. Cox, 50, S. J. Murray, 20, J. Hartwell, 60, J. C. Furman, 30, W. Timmons, 15, J. M Timmons, 15, J. Woods, 2, Mrs. M. A. Blackwell, 3,		274 00
			850 06
	Mrs H. Woods, 2, Miss S. P. Woods, 1, W. Kervin, 2, M. Van. 1, Mrs. A. K. Pouncey, 2, Miss M. A. Pouncey, 2, H. M'Kennon, 6, A. Bristow, 8, W. H. Peeples, 1,		25 00
			875 06
	To paid J. Hartwell,	533 47	
	To paid S. Furman,	266 59	
			800 06
			75 00
	To paid J. Hartwell,		75 00
Nov.	By cash of S. Furman, to wit.—John Scott, $10, Dr. Hampton, per Scott, 4, J. C. Furman, 30, Mrs. R. H. Mouk, 50, Elliott Estes, 50, J. Adams, per Wm Weston, 10, Miss G. Howell, per W. F. Nixon, 5, W. F. Nixon, per J. Adams, 5, James Adams, for W. E. Flewers, 8, J. Adams, for D. Hopkins, 25, S. Nixon, 5, Ezra Allen, 10, John Scott, 10, James Fripp, 30,		252 00
	To paid S Furman,		252 00
1834	SCHOLARSHIP FUND.		
Dec.	By cash of Mrs. E. Singleton,		10 00
	By cash of W. H. Brisbane, to wit,—Mrs. Sarah Kirk, 10, Miss M. Stoney, 25, Mrs. Anna Brisbane, 3, W. H. Brisbane, 30, Mrs. A. Huguenin, 30,		98 00
	Mrs. Jane Lawton, 6,		6 00
	By cash of B. Manly, to wit,—D. Rast and D Dash, 27 50, Mr. Kershaw, 30, Mrs. Wheeler 5, Mrs. Blackwood, 5, Mrs. Holwell, 5, Mrs. Waldo, 10, Mrs. Gardner, 5, M'Iver, 50.		137 50
			251 50
Dec	To paid J. Hartwell,		200 00
			51 50
	By cash of J. Hartwell, to wit,—B. Gerald, 30, N. Graham, 3, H Graham, 3, H. Jennings, 20, Mrs. Bishop, 2, D. R. Lide, 3,		61 00
			112 50
	To paid J. Hartwell,		61 00
			51 50
	By cash of Mount Moriah Church, per N. W. Hodges,		3 00
			54 50
1834	SALES OF HOUSE AND LOT.		
Dec,	By cash of M. Mims, on sale of house and lot in Edgefield,		1035 00

STATEMENT OF MONEY,

Domestic Missions,	22 00
Foreign "	351 69
Agency,	00 00

For General Purposes,	13 10
Library,	90 44
Charleston Juvenile Female Education and Missionary Society,	177 35
Gillison or Permanent Fund,	1067 75
Permanent Fund for Salaries,	205 23
Building Fund,	914 60
Education Fund,	271 07
Scholarships for Salaries,	54 50
From sale of House and Lot,	1035 00
	4202 13

Account of Money received this day, and not included in the account of the Treasurer, and reported on by the Committee of Accounts.

Collected at Barnwell Church, on the Lord's Day,		185 69
From the subscription for Buildings, per Mr. Wilson, John A. Pouncey note and interest.	21 40	
M'Iver and Wilson,	107 00	
Robert Napier,	21 40	
		149 80

PERMANENT FUND.

On Subscription, taken up by J. M. Barnes, at Society Hill, per Mr. Wilson, of Mrs. Williams, 100, of Alexander Sparks, 50, Dr. J. K. M'Iver, 50, of Miss Martha Grant, 2,	202 00

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the Welsh Neck Association,	56 75
From the Gilgal Female Benevolent Society, per Luke Devoar,	6 25

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Contributed by the Longtown Female Society, per Rev. Mr. J. B. Furman,	236 50

FURMAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION FOR EDUCATION.

From the Female Working Society, of Society Hill,	40 00
	876 99

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. MILLER,

Treasurer of the Baptist Convention.

Dec. 16th, 1834.

STATE OF ASSOCIATIONS IN SOUTH-CAROLINA.

Associations.	*Origin.*	*Ch s.*	*O M.*	*Lic.*	*Bap*	*Tot'l*	*Meetings in 1835.*
Charleston	1751	35	16	15	258	5451	Moriah Church, Sumter, 1st Sat. Nov.
Bethel.....	1789	33	20	4	576	2745	Calvary, Chester, 1st Sat. Oct.....
Broad River*...	1800	22	15	2	....	1718	....
Savannah River	1802	41	19	12	818	7252	Columbia Church, Barn'll, 4th Sat. Nov.
Saluda.....	1803	23	18	8	115	2213	Hop'll, And'n, Frid. bef. 2d Sund'y Aug.
Cape Fear*.....	1805	6	2	....	....	200	.....
Edgefield*.....	1808	51	28	12	....	5717	M't. P't. Lex'n. Sat. bef 3d Sab Oct....
Moriah†.....	1816	15	6	2	185	940	L'r. F'k. L'ch's C'k Da'n S.bef.3d S Sep.
Reedy River*...	1826	20	14	7	....	2912	.....
12 Mile River*.	1829	11	6	3	....	655	.....
Welsh Neck*...	1832	24	10	4	....	2321	Elim, Darlington, 2d Sat. Nov.....
Tyger River*...	1833	10	....	....	....	1360	.....
Tugaloo†.....		9	2	1	81	526	Shoal Creek, Sat. bef. 3d Sab. Sept.....
		314	156	76	2033	34440	

The average number of Baptisms in those Associations heard from is 12 to a church. At the same rate for all the other churches, about 1836 would be added to the number baptized.—Thus —Baptized 3869,—Total,—36276.

* No recent accounts,—numbers as reported in last minutes; and relate only to the churches in each Association, located in South Carolina. The times and places of meeting as here stated, relate to 1835, and are believed to be correct.

† Minutes of 1834 received,—numbers relate only to churches in South Carolina. It is earnestly desired that the Clerk, or some one in each Association would forward a copy of their latest minutes as soon as published to the Secretary of the Convention.

The Constitution of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South-Carolina, revised by the Board, in obedience to the duty assigned them in the 21st and 27th articles of the minutes of the Convention, at their meeting in Dec. 1833, at Newberry Village.

We the Representatives of the Constituent Bodies of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, do agree upon the following articles, as forming the annexed Constitution of the Convention, and the basis of the Union.

Article I. This body shall be styled The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South-Carolina.

Art. II. The grand object of this Convention shall be the increase of evangelical and useful knowledge, and of vital practical religion; the promotion of religious education, and particularly that of pious young men who may be approved by the Church to which they belong, as called of God to preach the Gospel; the support of Missionary service among the destitute, both at home and abroad; the establishment of Sabbath Schools, and the promotion of religious education in families;—and in general the cultivation of such measures as tend to promote the true interests of the Church at large: and of those especially which may be conducive to union, peace, and harmony, and love among themselves.

Art. III. The Convention shall consist of Delegates from the several Baptist Associations in this State, from Churches of the Baptist Denomination, and from Societies of the Baptist order, according to the following apportionment,—Each Association shall have the right to appoint ten Delegates: each Church shall have the right to appoint two delegates; and each Society shall have the right to appoint two Delegates. The appointment of these Delegates shall be made annually, or biennially, as the Convention shall determine to hold its meetings; and a certificate of their appointment shall be exhibited to the presiding officer at the opening of the Convention.

The members of the Board of Agents shall be ex officio members of the new Convention.

Art. IV. The Convention shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall also have a Board of Agents, for the transaction of business during its recess, consisting of eight members, the Treasurer ex officio, being one of them, any three of whom duly convened, shall be a quorum. The duties severally assigned to the officers of similar Institutions, shall devolve on those of this body, according to their rank and character, in the Convention and in the Board.

The Board, as Agents, shall be adequate to the performance of all necessary business which may occur during the recess of the Convention. Both Officers and Agents, shall hold their stations, (unless forfeited by unrighteous conduct,) till a new election. The Board shall have the power to fill vacancies in their own body.

Art. V. The support of a Seminary of Learning in this State, under the care of this Convention, shall be considered as a primary object. The design of this Seminary, is to assist those who, in the

judgment of their churches are called of God to preach the Gospel, that they may study to show themselves workmen approved unto God, that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Those of this character, who need pecuniary aid, shall receive it from the funds of the Convention, appropriated to this object. The Government of this Seminary, shall be committed to a Board of Trustees, to be elected by the Convention, at the end of every fourth year. But if from any cause the election shall not take place at the time appointed, the members of the Board shall continue in office till a new election shall be made. The Board of Trustees shall be governed by a set of rules which shall form the Constitution of the Seminary, in conformity with which the Seminary shall be managed in all its interests, pecuniary, leterary, moral and religious. The Board shall present a written statement of their transactions, and of the state of the Seminary, at each stated meeting of the Convention.

Art. VI. Ministers of the Gospel in any of our churches, needing aid in the more necessary part of learning, and unable to attend at the Institution, may be furnished with a supply of the most useful books, from the general fund for education purposes.

Art. VII. Regular yearly contributions will be expected from the constituent bodies, in union, for the accomplishment of the important purposes here contemplated; and the right of conducting the business of the fund will be considered as vested, exclusively in the representatives of bodies which do regularly contribute. And that satisfaction may be given to the contributors, that their contributions are faithfully applied, a just and clear statement shall be published annually by the Board, both with respect to moneys received and expended. All moneys specifically appropriated, shall be sacredly applied to the object designated. But where any contributions or bequest are made without any specific designation, discretion in their application shall be exercised by the Convention or its Board of Agents.

Art. VIII. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and specialties belonging to the Convention, and keep separate accounts contributed for different objects; and render regular accounts of them to the Convention at its stated meetings; and also to the Board when called upon so to do. He shall be elected by this Convention at its stated meeting, and shall hold his office until the last day of the next meeting, and until another shall be elected, and give bond and enter upon the duties of his office. For the faithful discharge of this trust, he shall give bond and security to this Convention in such sum of money as they may from time to time direct. He shall pay no money out of the funds but by the order of the Convention or Board, signed by the presiding officer. And should the said office become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the said vacancy shall be filled by an election by the Board; and the person so elected by the Board, shall hold his office until the next stated meeting of the Convention, and until another shall be elected, give bond and security, and enter upon the duties of his office. And the Treasurer so elected shall give bond, and do all the duties required, and in the same manner as if elected by the Convention.

ART. IX. The Convention may use its discretion in having either an annual or biennial meeting. But in cases of important concern, and especially when the arrangement for a biennial meeting has been made, the President may, at the instance of the Board, call an earlier meeting.

ART. X. Any alteration which experience may prove to be necessary, may be made in these rules, by the concurring vote of two thirds of the members present, at an annual or biennial meeting.

Rules of Order.

ART. I. A majority of the attending delegates shall be a quorum to transact business.

II. No member shall absent himself from the Convention without leave.

III. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave, except by way of explanation.

IV. Each member when speaking shall address himself to the President, standing at his place.

V. If two members rise to speak nearly at the same time, the President shall decide which shall have the preference.

VI. Every member when speaking, shall adhere to the subject before the Convention; and shall not be interrupted unless he depart from it; when he may be called to order.

VII. When a question of order arises, it shall be determined by the President, in the first instance; but any member may appeal from his decision to the Convention.

VIII. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall, if required by a member, be reduced to writing, and delivered into the hands of the President.

IX. When a question is put by the President, it shall be decided by a majority of voices, and at the call of five members the yeas and nays shall be recorded.

X. When the President desires to be heard, the Vice President, if present, shall take the chair—or if not present, the President shall appoint a chairman.

XI. When a motion is made for adjournment and seconded, no question shall be debated until the Convention decide on such motion.

XII. The meeting of the Convention shall be opened by calling the roll, and the President shall pray or call on some minister to do so. It shall close its meeting for the day by a short prayer.

XIII. The minutes of the Board of Agents shall be submitted to the Convention early on the second day of the session, and shall be published with the minutes of Convention, or so much thereof as the Convention may judge proper.

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